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AN ORDINANCE

BY COUNCILMEMBER LEE MORRIS

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE
MAYOR AND LIMITING THE MAYOR'S ABILITY TO
COLLECT HONORARIA AND OTHER EARNED INCOME
WHICH IS RELATED OR UNRELATED TO THE
PERFORMANCE OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICIAL DUTIES FOR
THE TERMS OF OFFICE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2002,
AND THEREAFTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, The City of Atlanta Elected Officials Compensation Commission was established in May, 2000, pursuant to Section 2-701 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, The Commission made its recommendations to the Atlanta City Council and Board of Education on the amount of compensation which it deemed appropriate for the Mayor, President of Council, members of Council, and members of the Board of Education, prior to November 6, 2000, which was at least one year prior to the next regular municipal election, all as prescribed in Section 2-703 of the Charter, and

WHEREAS, any salary changes shall not become effective until the date of commencement of the terms of officials elected at the next regular municipal election following the action to change; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation for the salaries of these elected officials was received by the City Council from the Commission; and

WHEREAS, any future action by the Council to revise the compensation of elected officials is not restricted or precluded by these recommendations, and it has been and is the intention of the Council to take into consideration any recommendation made by the Elected Officials Compensation Commission and to comply with requirements for such legislative action established in Section 2-306 of the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations of the Commission did not keep pace with the cost of living index or the consumer price index (CPI), and the City Council recognized the importance of a livable compensation to attract highly qualified candidates to seek public office regardless of their financial status; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supported an adjustment in compensation for the elected officials who will take office in 2002 based on the reports received from the 1997 Elected Officials Compensation Commission, the 2000 Elected Officials Compensation Commission, and the Consumer Price Index; and

WHEREAS, the Council adopted Ordinance No. 00-0-1611 on November 6, 2000; which, among other provisions, raised the salary of the Mayor from the present yearly amount of \$100,000.00 to the yearly amount of \$141,490.00, effective as of the term of office beginning on January 1, 2002; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance was approved and became effective on November 15, 2000, by operation of law (without the signature of the Mayor) pursuant to City Charter Section 2-403; and

WHEREAS, the Council supports the policy of the State of Georgia to as set out in the State's "Ethics in Government Act" at O.C.G.A § 21-5-1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to make it clear the Mayor's duties constitute a full-time job; and

WHEREAS, the Council, in furtherance of that policy, seeks to further increase the salary of the Mayor, while limiting the ability of the Mayor to collect income during the Mayor's term of office other than that provided for herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the salary for the Mayor of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, for the terms of office beginning on January 1, 2002, and thereafter, shall be in the yearly amount of \$200,000.00.

SECTION 2: That beginning on January 1, 2002, and thereafter, the Mayor of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, shall be prohibited from accepting honoraria, outside earned income, or payments-in-kind in any amount, as remuneration for services.

SECTION 3: That the prohibitions set out in Section 2 above do not restrict the Mayor from the receipt of earned dividend, interest, and/or investment income, which income is not remuneration for services.

SECTION 4: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

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MAYOR'S ACTION